

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An electrochemical device comprising:

an electrochemical element including a pair of electrode layers;

a pair of container members made of a metal surrounding the electrochemical element; and

an electrically insulative gasket, interposed between the pair of container members, for electrically insulating the container members from each other;

wherein the electrochemical element is sealed by causing an end part of one container member to crimp an end part of the other container member while interposing the gasket between the end part of one container member and the end part of the other container member, one of the pair of electrode layers being electrically connected to one container member, the other of the pair of electrode layers being electrically connected to the other container member; and

wherein the end part of one container member and the end part of the other container member are bonded to each other by the gasket.

2. (Original) An electrochemical device according to claim 1, wherein the gasket contains at least one of acid-denatured polypropylene and acid-denatured polyethylene.

3. (Currently Amended) An electrochemical device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein one container member and the other container member are bonded to each other by

heating the gasket after causing the end part of one container member to crimp the end part of the other container member.

4. (Original) An electrochemical device comprising:

an electrochemical element including a pair of electrode layers;

a pair of container members made of a metal surrounding the electrochemical element; and

an electrically insulative gasket, interposed between the pair of container members, for electrically insulating the container members from each other;

wherein the electrochemical element is sealed by causing an end part of one container member to crimp an end part of the other container member while interposing the gasket between the end part of one container member and the end part of the other container member, one of the pair of electrode layers being electrically connected to one container member, the other of the pair of electrode layers being electrically connected to the other container member;

the electrochemical device further comprising an electrically insulative resin part bonded from one container member to the other container member so as to cover a joint between one container member and the other container member.

5. (Original) An electrochemical device according to claim 4, wherein the end part of one container member and the end part of the other container member are bonded to each other by the gasket.